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Senator Ryan deGraffenried, Jr.  
State Senator 16th District  
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Local Legislation - Court Costs

Court costs for Tuscaloosa County  
may be increased in order to raise  
revenue for renovations to the  
Tuscaloosa County Courthouse

Dear Senator deGraffenried:

I have your request for an opinion wherein you ask if the court costs for Tuscaloosa County may be increased by local legislation in order to raise the necessary funds to make certain renovations to the Tuscaloosa County Courthouse.

Your inquiry is answered in the affirmative. I find that we have previously answered the question which you raise in an official opinion of this office rendered on November 21, 1979 to the Honorable Faye M. Brown and the Honorable James A. Christopher of Choctaw County. In that opinion this office stated that a local act which would increase the court costs in each case in Choctaw County to raise revenue to pay the salaries of deputy sheriffs was not in conflict with Section 12-19-20, Code of Alabama 1975. This is still the opinion of this office.

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A copy of the Choctaw County opinion is attached for  
your information and review.

Sincerely,

CHARLES A. GRADDICK  
Attorney General

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter S. Turner", written over the printed name.

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